

REMARKS

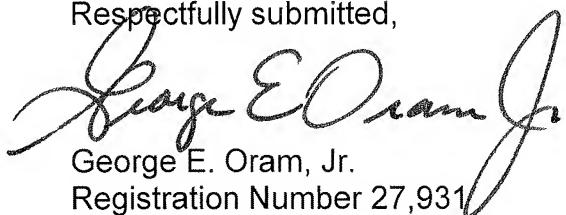
The amendments to the claim 12 are made to conform claim 12 to the allowed claim 1 of Japanese Application No. 2004-002667, now Japanese Patent No. 3843102. Claims 1 – 5, 9, and 10 were previously cancelled. Thus, Claims 6 – 8 and 11 – 17 are pending in this application. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is contained in the amendments.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance under the PPH program.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due with respect to this paper to Counsel's Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Docket Number 108421-00126.

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